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SUBJ: KREISKY VISIT TO U.S.: KREISKY TO EXPLORE INSTITUTIONALIZED
LINK BETWEEN OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING STATES

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED CHACELLOR KREISKY IN INTERVIEW CARRIED
IN TODAY'S SEMIOFFICIAL "WIENER ZEITUNG" STATED HE INTENDS
TO EXPLORE THE CREATION OF AN "INSTITUTIONALIZED DIALOGUE"
BETWEEN THE OIL PRODUCING AND OIL CONSUMING STATES DURING HIS
OFFICIAL TRIP TO U.S. NEXT WEEK. KREISKY DECLARED THAT SUCH A
DIALOGUE WOULD ALSO HAVE AIM OF KEEPING OIL OUT OF ISRAELI-
ARABIC CONFLICT. HE THOUGHT THAT OIL CONSUMING STATES MIGHT
CREATE A "CONTACT BODY" (KONTAKTORGAN) WITH OPEC AND ADDED THAT
THE LOCATION QUOTE DOES NOT HAVE TO BE VIENNA UNQUOTE (READ
THIS AS BEING A PLUG FOR VIENNA, WHERE OPEC HEADQUARTERS LOCATED).
KREISKY SAID THAT SUCH A CONTACT POINT WOULD OFFER POSSIBILITY
TO DISCUSS NOT ONLY CURRENT PROBLEMS BUT LONG-RANGE ASPECTS AS
WELL AND WOULD NOT REQUIRE ANY BUREAUCRATIC APPARATUS.
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2. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL COMMENT: KREISKY'S ANNOUNCED INTEREST IN A

LINK OF SOME SORT BETWEEN OPEC AND OIL CONSUMING COUNTRIES COM-
ING AT THIS TIME IS PROBABLY IN LARGE PART AN ATTEMPT TO HEAD
OFF ANY RISK OF DAMAGE TO AUSTRIA'S RELATIONS WITH OIL PRODUC-
ING STATES WHICH MIGHT BE GENERATED BY AUSTRIAN MEMBERSHIP IN
IEP. WHILE MAJOR AUSTRIAN CONCERN IS, OF COURSE, CONTINUED ACCESS
TO NEAR EAST OIL, THEY ALSO PLAY HOST TO OPEC HEADQUARTERS AND
HAVE GENUINE CONCERN ABOUT DANGERS OF CONFRONTATION BETWEEN OIL
PRODUCERS AND CONSUMERS. WE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF KREISKY
OUTLINES ABOVE IDEAS IN UN SPEECH AS WELL AS IN CONVERSATIONS
WITH US OFFICIALS. END CONFIDENTIAL. MOWINCKEL

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